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To: House Bill No. 5681

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Bioterrorism" means the intentional use of any microorganism,  
5 virus, infectious substance or biological product that may be  
6 engineered as a result of biotechnology or any naturally occurring or  
7 bioengineered component of any microorganism, virus, infectious  
8 substance or biological product, to cause or attempt to cause death,  
9 disease or other biological malfunction in any living organism;

10 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health;

11 (3) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;

12 (4) "Disaster locations" means any geographical location where a

13 bioterrorism attack, terrorist attack, catastrophic or natural disaster or  
14 emergency occurs; and

15 (5) "First responders" means state and local law enforcement, fire  
16 department, emergency medical, emergency management and public  
17 works personnel who may be deployed to bioterrorism attacks,  
18 terrorist attacks, catastrophic or natural disasters and emergencies.

19 (b) The department shall offer a vaccination program for first  
20 responders who may be exposed to infectious diseases when deployed  
21 to disaster locations. The vaccinations shall include, but are not limited  
22 to, hepatitis A vaccination, hepatitis B vaccination, diphtheria-tetanus  
23 vaccination, influenza vaccination, pneumococcal vaccination and  
24 other vaccinations as recommended by the United States Public Health  
25 Service and in accordance with the policy of the Federal Emergency  
26 Management Agency. Immune globulin shall be made available when  
27 necessary. The department may contract with regional and local health  
28 departments, nonprofit home health care agencies, hospitals and  
29 physicians to administer such vaccination program.

30 (c) Participation in the vaccination program shall be voluntary for  
31 first responders, except as otherwise required by federal or state law. A  
32 first responder shall be exempt from a vaccination when such first  
33 responder submits a written statement from a licensed physician  
34 indicating that a vaccine is medically contraindicated for such first  
35 responder or the first responder signs a written statement that the  
36 administration of a vaccination conflicts with his or her religious  
37 tenets.

38 (d) In the event of a vaccine shortage, the commissioner, in  
39 consultation with the Governor and the National Centers for Disease  
40 Control and Prevention, shall give priority for vaccination to first  
41 responders.

42 (e) The department shall notify first responders of the availability of  
43 the vaccination program and shall provide educational materials on  
44 ways to prevent exposure to infectious diseases."

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
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